

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION**

Branden Watkins,)	
)	
)	Civil Action. No.: 4:12-cv-02600-JMC
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner)	
of the Social Security Administration,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

This matter is before the court upon motion of Plaintiff, through his attorney, Beatrice E. Whitten, for an award of attorney’s fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (ECF No. 35). Plaintiff’s motion seeks reimbursement for Counsel’s representation in the captioned matter in the amount of \$5,281.38 in attorney’s fees at the rate of \$177.91 per hour. Defendant’s response to Plaintiff’s motion (ECF No. 36) notifies the court that she does not oppose Plaintiff’s request for fees in the amount stated herein. The court has reviewed Counsel’s fee petition that was submitted and finds Counsel’s request for fees reasonable. Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney’s fees under the EAJA in the stipulated amount of \$6,050.53.

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2528-29 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this court belong to the litigant, thus subjecting EAJA fees to offset under the Treasury Offset Program (31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B) (2006)) and, therefore, the court directs that fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff’s counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

United States District Judge

September 26, 2014
Columbia, South Carolina